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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES GOA CONCERN RE ANTICIPATED IMPACT PROPOSED ACTIVITIES OF WORLD VISION INTL. (WVI) VESSEL CALODER ON REFUGEE TRAFFIC DESTINED FOR AUSTRALIA.

2. GOA INFORMATION HOWEVER, MENTIONED IN PARA 2 REFTEL (A), THAT AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE ASSISTED 57 CREW MEMBERS OF WVI BOAT GAIN VISAS FOR SINGAPORE IS UNTRUE. THIS TALE, WE BELIEVE GREW FROM EMBASSY SPONSORSHIP OF 58 REFUGEES DISEMBARKED FROM THE AMERICAN FLAG VESSEL, PRESIDENT POLK.

3. THE CALODER, A UTILITY LANDING CRAFT OF 345 GROSS TONS HAS ACCOMMODATION FOR ONLY 28 PERSONS. IT IS
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PRESENTLY MANNED BY A CREW OF NINE WHICH IS COMPLIMENTED BY A WVI STAFF OF NINE. THE CREW CONSISTS OF SEVEN INDONESIANS AND TWO FILIPINOS, WHILE THE WVI STAFF IS MADE UP OF THREE AMERICANS, THREE SINGAPOREANS, TWO MALAYSIANS AND ONE VIETNAMESE INTERPRETER. EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED NO SERVICES FOR ANY OF THEM.

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4. THE SHIP, NOW IN SINGAPORE, RECENTLY COMPLETED A SHAKE DOWN CRUISE UP THE EAST COAST OF MALAYSIA, HOWEVER, NO VIETNAMESE BOATS WERE SIGHTED DURING THIS TRIP. THE SHIP IS EXPECTED TO SAIL AGAIN ON JUNE 14 PROCEEDING ON A COURSE SLIGHTLY NORTH OF THE COMMERCIAL SHIPPING LANES TO HONG KONG. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE WHEN FINAL ARRANGEMENTS RE VOYAGE ARE KNOWN. HOLDRIDGE

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